

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL INDUSTRIES CASE INVESTIGATION FORM

NAME/ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL/COMPANY ALLEGED TO BE CAUSE OF COMPLAINT: Simplot Caldwell, ID		DATE AND TIME RECEIVED: 10/1/07 2:09pm	COMPLAINT NUMBER: E-10-07A
COUNTY: Canyon		TYPE OF COMPLAINT: <input type="checkbox"/> ANIMAL CARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MISCELLANEOUS <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR <input type="checkbox"/> DEAD ANIMAL	COMPLAINT DETAIL: DATE INCIDENT OCCURRED: TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: DURATION OF INCIDENT:
NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE # OF COMPLAINANT: Nick Peak, EPA Region 10 Boise, ID 208-378-5765 peak.nicholas@epamail.epa.gov Anonymous Complainant		ASSIGNED TO: Dawn Schooley	DATE: 10/1/07
NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Complaint received via email: "The complainant wished to remain anonymous. (b) (7)(C)"			DOES COMPLAINANT EXPECT ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Simplot facility in Caldwell, ID. The complainant stated that there were large piles of manure at the Simplot facility which were covered with grass. The complainant noticed that she saw run-off from the manure piles entering the river and has recently had a water sample from the river tested. She stated that the water sample was found to be high in nitrates."			
ILLNESS INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:		HOSPITALIZATION REQUIRED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:
SPECIES: Not Applicable	NUMBER AFFECTED: NA	FACILITY TYPE: Other-specify in remarks	FACILITY CONDITION: Average
FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION: Average	GENERAL CONDITION OF ANIMALS: Not Applicable	AVERAGE BODY CONDITION SCORE OF ALL ANIMALS: NA	BODY CONDITION SCORE RANGE OF ANIMALS: NA
ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED:	EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DISPOSITION: INITIAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: <input type="checkbox"/> YES CLOSED WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY ISDA: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO REFERRED TO:		FOLLOW-UP NEEDED BY ISDA: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO FOLLOW-UP TIMEFRAME:	
REMARKS: On October 2, 2007 at approximately 11:45am I called Mr. Nick Peak, EPA Region 10, to inquire if he had any additional details on the location of the complaint. According to Mr. Peak's voice mail he was out of the office until Thursday October 4, 2007. At approximately 12:00pm I contacted Simplot's Environmental Manager Mr. Ron Parks. I informed Mr. Parks that Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) received an environmental complaint concerning the Simplot facility west of Caldwell, Idaho. I explained to Mr. Parks that according to the complainant she observed water running off of large manure piles covered with grass into a water source, possibly the Boise River. Mr. Parks informed me that the feedlot was closed down in 1999 but there are still several mounds located at the site. Mr. Parks told me that over the last few years Simplot has been removing the mounds. Mr. Parks informed me that he was in Eastern Idaho and asked if he could meet me on Thursday (10/4/07) after he returned. I asked Mr. Parks if there was anyone else that could provide me access to the area in question immediately. Mr. Parks told me that he would contact Mr. Gary Steal, Simplot's farm supervisor for the Caldwell Area, to see if he was available to meet with me. At approximately 12:30pm Mr. Parks called me with Mr. Steal's contact information. Mr. Parks told me that Mr. Steal was expecting my phone call and would provide me access to the facility. I called Mr. Steal and made arrangements to meet with him at the Caldwell Simplot Facility Gate #6 at 1:30pm. I arrived at Gate #6 at 1:30pm and meet with Mr. Steal. Mr. Steal offered to drive me around the facility so that I could access the areas behind locked gates. Mr. Steal drove me to the north side of the facility, which runs parallel to the Boise River for several yards. Our first stop was the bridge which accesses a large island in the Boise River. Mr. Steal informed me that the island was no longer Simplot property; it had been sold to a gravel company. I asked Mr. Steal if there were feedlot pens or mounds located on the island. Mr. Steal told me that there were a couple of homes and corn fields located on the island and nothing else. From my vantage point of the island I observed a large corn field. Mr. Steal and I drove east along the river. I observed two areas (which I am referring to as Area A and B) on the northeast side of the facility which has manure mounds still present. We stopped at area A			

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first, the Boise River is several feet north of the area. The mounds were located in an area that the natural ground level sits two-three (2-3) feet lower than the roadbed located between the area and the Boise River. There is also a four-five (4-5) foot deep containment ditch between the roadbed and the Boise River. (See photos marked Area A) Next we drove to area B, which is slightly northeast of area A. There is a large pond on the north side of area B. It appeared if the water level in the pond is high enough the water can run through a channel into the Boise River. There are a couple of manure mounds in area B. There is an intact concrete feed bunk and a five (5) foot berm between area B and the pond. (See photos marked Area B) I did not observe any manure flow paths directly towards any waterways in area A or B.

Mr. Steal and I then drove to the northwest side of the facility. This area of the facility had no manure mounds and the majority of the area is now alfalfa fields. There is a road between the Boise River and the fields. The roadbed is a couple of feet higher than the farm ground.

There are three (3) canals, Roedel Ditch, Riverside Canal and South Drain, which run through the Simplot facility. I asked Mr. Steal to drive the length of all three canals. There are several mounds located through out the area the canals run through. All areas have a concrete feed bunks, berms or a combination of both for containment of waste water. (See photos marked Area C) I did not observe any manure mounds that did not have some type of containment to prevent waste water from flowing into the Boise River or tributaries of the Boise River.

I thanked Mr. Steal for his time and left the facility. I then drove several roads in a ten mile radius of the area that parallel the Boise River on the north and south sides. I did not observe any manure piles near the Boise River or any tributaries.

On October 4, 2007 Mr. Peaks called me at my office. I asked Mr. Peaks if he had any additional information on the location of the manure piles in question. Mr. Peaks informed me that when the complainant called him she was very vague. Mr. Peaks told me that the complainant stated that (b) (7)(C)

he vicinity of the Simplot Facility in Caldwell. Mr. Peaks told me that he did not have any further information about the location of the manure mounds.

At this time this case is closed.

HOURS	MILES:	FOLLOW-UP CALLS MADE?:	COMPLETED BY:	DATE:
6	80	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Dawn Schooley	October 5, 2007